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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

The purpose of this letter is to solicit your advice.

I expect that you received my last post with the database printout. If not the following will make little sense.

I believe there may be some value to combining the data in the printout with other measurements. For example, a dataset based upon the Commission's three day witness notification rule could be overlaid on the witness timeline material. From this one might obtain a view of the mechanics of witness depositions. The Commission had a three day notification rule which they seemed to violate more often than not. To date, I've been able to determine that 160 deposition witnesses waived the *three day rule*; 130 did not require waiver; and, 172 are uncertain, i.e., cannot be determined from the public record in the 26 volumes.

I believe that one can, in turn, overlay that information on the material provided by the various agencies as codified by the collection of *Commission Documents*; some of this material I have provided you previously. From this might emerge a more coherent view of the information acquisition architecture and strategy, or lack thereof, of the Commission. What they knew, when they knew it, how they pursued it, etc.

I believe this may objectively supplement the argument that no substantive investigation was ever conducted. Accordingly, my questions are two:

1. Do you think this is a worthwhile project?
2. To do so will require access to the *Key Persons* file because the record contained in the 26 volumes is insufficient. The *Key Persons* file is available on microfilm. I believe you have reviewed much of that index. As I am no longer within ready driving distance to the Archives, is purchase of the microfilm worth the expense?

Any opinion you could offer in this regard would be very valuable to me.

As always, please give my regards to Mrs. Weisberg.

Sincerely,



John W. Masland